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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT	Trinity College Dublin , Dublin, Ireland Assistant Professor in Economics, Oct 2025 –	
EDUCATION	Cornell University , Ithaca, NY Ph.D. in Applied Economics and Management, 2019 – Aug 2025 Dissertation: “Essays on Labor Market Power” Advisors: Nancy H. Chau (Chair), Arnab K. Basu, Michele Belot, Ravi Kanbur Cornell University , Ithaca, NY Master of Science in Applied Economics and Management, 2017 – 2019 University of Finance and Economics , Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia Bachelor of Science in Economics (with distinction), 2009 – 2013	
AFFILIATION	Monash University, Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (CEVAW) Research Affiliate	2025 – present
AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS	Graduate Fellowship, Dyson School, Cornell IAB PhD Workshop Travel Grant, Institute for Employment Research, Germany EEA Travel Grant, European Economic Association Dyson Graduate Teaching Assistant – Outstanding Service Award, Cornell Graduate Teaching Assistant Fellowship, Dyson School, Cornell Cornell Graduate School Conference Travel Grant Graduate Assistant Fellowship, Dyson School, Cornell Summer Internship Grant (declined), CIPA, Cornell Tuition Fellowship, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA), Cornell Dean’s List, University of Finance and Economics, Mongolia	2019 – 2020, 2024 – 2025 2025 2024 2024 2020 – 2024 2022, 2023, 2024(x2), 2025 Summer 2020 – 2023 2018 2017 – 2018 2010 – 2012
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Trinity College Dublin , Dublin, Ireland Quantitative Methods for Economics I (MSc in Economic Policy, ECP77211) (joint with Professor Gaia Narciso) Cornell University , Ithaca, NY International Trade and Finance (Undergraduate, AEM/ECON 2300) Coordinating Teaching Assistant to Professor Arnab K. Basu Teaching Assistant to Professor Arnab K. Basu Teaching Assistant to Professor David R. Lee	Fall 2025 Spring 2025 Spring 2022-2024 Spring 2021

Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory and Policy (Undergraduate, AEM 1300)	
Coordinating Teaching Assistant to Professor Arnab K. Basu	Summer 2024/2025
Applied Managerial Economics (Undergraduate, AEM 4100)	
Teaching Assistant to Professor Terry Alexander	Fall 2022/2023
Research and Methods (Master of Professional Studies, AEM 6991)	
Teaching Assistant to Professors Mark Conostas, Aija Leiponen, Daniela Scur	Fall 2021
Consumer Behavior (Undergraduate, AEM 3440)	
Teaching Assistant to Professor Alison Shields	Fall 2020

PUBLISHED
PAPERS

“Cooking Fuel Choice and Child Mortality in India”
(with Arnab K. Basu, Nancy H. Chau and Neha Khanna)
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, 2024, 222: 240-265.
Featured in Cornell Chronicle, The Hindu, The Times of India, Times Now, Press Trust of India,
Medical Xpress
George F. Warren Award for Outstanding Paper, Cornell University

WORKING
PAPERS

“Automation Threat and Labor Market Power”

This paper studies the role of automation threat in firms’ labor market power. Employing the production approach, I show that workers in an average German manufacturer receive 79 cents on the marginal euro. Using automation threat proxied by local labor market regions’ exposure to industrial robots instrumented by plausibly exogenous shift-share factors, I find that robot exposure increases employer power over routine workers in areas with weaker unions in East Germany with spatial frictions. The empirical findings are consistent with the wage bargaining model where employers retain the “right-to-manage” their workforce composition and unions representing different workers separately bargain with the firm.

“Public Works Program, Labor Supply, and Monopsony” (with Nancy H. Chau and Vidhya Soundararajan)

This paper studies the role of changes in workforce composition in monopsony power. We develop a monopsony model in which a firm’s wage markdown—the wedge between MRPL and wage—is a weighted average of markdowns for heterogeneous workers. We empirically illustrate the theory using India’s National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), which generates non-manufacturing jobs in rural areas. Consistent with the model predictions, at manufacturing firms, we find that the program increases average markdowns by crowding out mobile workers and effectively increasing the share of immobile workers with low labor supply elasticity.

“Work Incentives, Earnings and Domestic Violence: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa” (with Anh Nguyen)

Using representative data from over 30 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, this paper presents nearly continent-wide evidence that increasing women’s work incentives and earnings potential, induced by artisanal mining and commodity price rises, decreases violence within the household. We leverage spatial variation in gold suitability and exogenous temporal variation in global gold prices, conditional on industrial mining, to create variation in the profitability of artisanal mining. We identify increases in women’s activities in mining and retail industries relative to men and the rise in women’s intrahousehold bargaining power as mechanisms for the decrease in the risk of intimate partner violence.

“Alcohol Consumption and Intimate Partner Violence: Long-Term Effects of a Temporary Alcohol Ban” (with Arnab K. Basu and Nancy H. Chau)

This paper presents evidence that alcohol drinking causes violence within the household. We leverage a unique government policy that temporarily shuts down liquor-serving bars in Kerala, India, and trace its impact—from launch to reversal—on alcohol consumption and domestic violence in the short- and long-term. Using

novel data sets, we document that alcohol consumption in bars and intimate partner violence reduced during the policy period, mainly among wealthier households, the primary consumers of expensive liquors. Alcohol drinking in bars and domestic violence rebounded following the reopening of bars, which nullifies the impact of the ban in the long run.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS	<p>“Capital Market Integration, Labor Market Distortions, and Labor Misallocation” (with Nancy H. Chau, Anh Nguyen and Vidhya Soundararajan)</p> <p>“On the Intra-Household Public Goods and Fertility Trade-Off” (with Arnab K. Basu and Nancy H. Chau)</p>	
POLICY WORK	<p>“Exploring Geospatial-Based Approaches to Develop a Pre-Census National Sampling Frame in Armenia” (with Saida Ismailakhunova, Avralt-Od Purevjav and Sarchil Qader), <i>Under Review at Humanities and Social Sciences Communications</i></p> <p>World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 11039, 2025.</p> <p>Featured in Devdiscourse</p> <p>“Distributional Impact of Energy Tariff Reforms in the Republic of Georgia” (with Saida Ismailakhunova, Avralt-Od Purevjav and Juan Carlos Palacios Mora)</p>	
DISCUSSIONS	<p>2024 NEUDC Conference Discussant: “Global Labor Market Power” by Amodio, Brancati, Brummund, de Roux, and Di Maio</p> <p>2023 MWIEDC Conference Discussant: “Family Planning and the Female Labor Supply: Evidence from Urban Malawi” by Karra, Maggio, and Canning</p>	
PRESENTATIONS	<p>ASSA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia (scheduled)</p> <p>11th Conference of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality at the World Bank, 6th EALE-SOLE-AASLE Conference in Toronto, UNU-WIDER Development Conference in Helsinki, 16th IAB PhD Workshop in Nuremberg, University of Georgia (Agricultural and Applied Economics), ASSA Annual Meeting in San Francisco</p> <p>NEUDC Conference at Northeastern University, AEP Seminar at Cornell University, EALE Conference at Norwegian School of Economics, EEA-ESEM Annual Meeting at Erasmus School of Economics, Online Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society, SOLE Annual Meeting in Portland OR, MWIEDC Conference at the University of Chicago, STEG Annual Conference at NYU Abu Dhabi</p> <p>24th IZA Summer School in Labor Economics in Berlin, MWIEDC Conference at the University of Houston, PacDev Conference at the University of Washington</p> <p>17th Annual Conference at Indian Statistical Institute, APPAM Fall Research Conference in Washington DC, WEAI Annual Conference in Portland OR</p>	<p>2026</p> <p>2025</p> <p>2024</p> <p>2023</p> <p>2022</p>
OTHER RESEARCH POSITIONS	<p>Research Assistant to Professor Nancy H. Chau</p> <p>Research Assistant to Professor Arnab K. Basu</p> <p>Research Assistant to Professor Eswar Prasad</p>	<p>2018, 2023, 2025</p> <p>2022</p> <p>2019</p>

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE	Consultant, Poverty and Equity Group, The World Bank	2023 – present
	Summer Intern, Global Indicators Group, The World Bank	2019
	Economist, Research and Statistics Department, Central Bank of Mongolia	2013 – 2017
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP	American Economic Association, Member	2024 – present
	European Economic Association, Member	2024 – present
	The Econometric Society, Member	2023 – 2025
	Cornell Center for Social Sciences, Affiliated Student	2023 – 2025
	Cornell University, Diversity in Cornell Economics (DICE), General Member	2022 – 2025
SKILLS	Software/Programming	
	Stata, R, MATLAB, ArcGIS, EViews, LaTeX	
	Language	
	English (fluent), Mongolian (native)	